

City of Baltimore
Recreation & Parks



Volunteer Call!

Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks' programs and activities differ from one community to the next and so do our volunteer opportunities. A few examples of where volunteers are working are cleaning our hiking and biking trails or park properties. Some of the opportunities at our recreation centers include assisting the center directors and leaders with programming or working with Youth and Adult Sports leagues.

Volunteer groups from businesses, faith communities, schools and others work with our programs as well as with individual volunteers. Some of our volunteers prefer short-term projects, while others work on weekly or monthly assignments.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need volunteers for the activities listed below. If you are interested in volunteering, please call or e-mail the contact person listed below for each activity.

Tree Planting Team Leader

Baltimore City's parks

Project Description: During the fall of 2007, Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks' Parks Conservation and Community Outreach Office and the Parks & People Foundation will be coordinating tree plantings in parks throughout the city.

Tree plantings will be completed by volunteers, from the surrounding communities when possible, and will be led by project managers from the two organizations.

Purpose: To support project managers by providing additional expertise and oversight for less experienced volunteers.

Responsibilities:

- Arrive to scheduled project sites 30 minutes early for project orientation and to assist with set up
- Lead small groups of volunteers and demonstrate the correct tree planting techniques
- Assist with clean-up after project completion

Qualifications:

- Have experience with at least one tree planting project

- Possess a basic understanding of tree planting techniques
- Maintain a professional attitude about volunteer work and report to project sites on time
- Be comfortable working with a variety of volunteer groups, including youth

Time Commitment: Tree planting projects may be during the week or on weekends. Tree Planting Team Leaders may attend as many or as few projects as they wish, but must stay for the duration of any event at which they commit to assist (most projects last between one and four hours). Projects will be held at parks throughout the city.

Reports to: Project Manager

Benefits: Experience in tree planting and volunteer management. The satisfaction of making a concrete contribution to the health and vitality of Baltimore's ecosystem. Increased familiarity with Baltimore's parks system.

Contact:

For more information or to apply, please contact Abby Cocke at (410) 448-5663 x122 e-mail organizers@parksandpeople.org or Hugo S. Lam at (410) 608- 1520 Hugo.Lam@baltimorecity.gov.

Environmental Instructors

Carrie Murray Nature Center
Corinne Parks, Park Administrator
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The Carrie Murray Nature Center, located inside Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park, provides exposure to nature and environmental activities such as animal and wildlife rescue, stream conservation, recycling, and bird and tree identification. The Nature Center is wheelchair accessible and features an insect zoo, a large classroom, live reptile and amphibian displays, and a wildlife rescue center.

Volunteers are needed to teach a variety of environmental workshops, assist with the Carrie Murray Nature Camp, and feed, clean and care for the animals. If you are interested in volunteering at the Carrie Murray Nature Camp, please contact Lloyd Tydings at (410) 396-0808 or via e-mail at Lloyd.Tydings@baltimorecity.gov.